T.F.A.I are charging fees from the exporters who want to gain access to the information from its Trade Information Centres, apart from services charges from participants in such fairs;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) whether Government propose to reduce such charges in order to encourage exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92, Trade Fair Authority of India now named as India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) organised participation in fairs/ exhibitions abroad as under:—

Year	No. of fairs/ exhibitions
1989-90	43
1990-91	38
1991-92	38

(b) The I.T.D.C. have not intimated their programme of participation in fairs/ exhibitions being organised by Trade Fair Authority of India during 1992-93. India Trade Promotion Organisation proposes to participate in 41 events including 2 exclusive Indian exhibitions in Ukraine and Mauritius.

(c) Expenditure incurred on participation in fairs/exhibitions abroad and business booked as reported by the participants during 1990-91 and 1991-92 (till January, 1992) is as under:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	No. of fairs/ exhibitions	Expenditure incurred	Business booked as reported by the participants
1990-91	38	1198.97	44179.73
1991-92 (till January, 1992)	34	1318.20	38540.46

(d) and (e) Trade Fair Authority of India are not charging any fees from exporters for supply of information by its Trade Information Offices (abroad).

(f) Does not arise.

Telecom Link As Between Pune-Bombay-Dhulia

*195. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rs. 60 crores high-technical fibre-optic telecom link as between Pune-Bombay-Dhulia which was commissioned on the 31st March, 1991 has remained unutilised, so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how much loss has been sufferred by Government as a result thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to utilise this link?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Optical Fibre systems between Bombay-Pune and Bombay-Dhulia have not yet been commissioned.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

(d) The links are expected to be commissioned in April/May'92. They will be utilised thereafter.

Agitation in New India Assurance Company, New Delhi

*196. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of New India Assurance Company, Delhi Regional Office I are on agitation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the demands of the Unions/ Associations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that top executives are being frequently reshuffled; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure proper functioning of the organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.